

Vehicle Incentive Program: Guide to Eligible Vehicles – August 2004

The Vehicle Incentive Program provides incentives to help public agencies acquire alternative fuel, low emission vehicles weighing 10,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight or less, as defined below:

- **Alternative Fuel Vehicles:** Vehicles must be powered by natural gas, propane, hydrogen, electricity (battery electric), or hybrid electric.
- **Low Emission Vehicles:** Vehicle must be certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to either the Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (SULEV), Partial Zero Emission Vehicle (PZEV) or Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) emission standards.

CARB posts information on vehicle emission ratings at www.DriveClean.ca.gov.

As of August 1, 2004, CARB has not yet posted emission ratings for model year 2005 vehicles on the DriveClean site. Once CARB posts the emission ratings for MY 2005 vehicles, the Air District will provide a list of eligible vehicles on this page. This page will be updated periodically, as new vehicles become eligible. Some general information about eligible vehicles is provided below.

Natural gas vehicles:

Ford Motor Company has been the largest producer of natural gas vehicles (NGV's) in recent years. However, Ford has announced that it will not produce any factory-built NGV's in model year 2005. BAF Technologies is planning to offer an after-market natural gas conversion kit for the Ford Crown Victoria and F-150. CARB certification is expected by December 2004 at the latest. See www.baftechnologies.com.

General Motors: The model year 2004 natural gas version of the GMC Savannah and Chevy Express vans were rated as SULEV. Their emission rating for MY 2005 is not yet available. However, it is likely that these vehicles will be SULEV-rated in 2005.

Honda Civic GX: The MY 2004 natural gas Civic GX was rated as AT-PZEV, eligible for a VIP incentive of \$4,000. It is expected that the MY 2005 vehicle will achieve the same emissions rating. For information, see:

http://www.hondacars.com/models/model_overview.asp?ModelName=Civic%20GX

Hybrid-Electric Vehicles:

Toyota Prius: The 2004 Prius was rated as AT-PZEV (Advanced Technology-Partial Zero Emission Vehicle). It is likely that the MY 2005 Prius will also be certified as AT-PZEV, which would make it eligible for a \$2,000 VIP incentive.

Honda Civic Hybrid: The 2004 Civic hybrid was rated as AT-PZEV (Advanced Technology-Partial Zero Emission Vehicle). It is likely that the MY 2005 Civic hybrid will also be certified as AT-PZEV, which would make it eligible for a \$2,000 VIP incentive.

Several new models of hybrid-electric vehicles are scheduled for introduction in the 2005 model year. These include the Ford Escape hybrid, the Honda Accord hybrid, the Lexus RX 400H hybrid, the Toyota Highlander hybrid, and the Toyota Sienna hybrid. Emissions ratings for these vehicles are not yet available.